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UFO-SIGHTINGS AT KOTKA (Page 2)

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Near Kotka, both at Lankila and Siltakyla of Pyhtaa, an UFO-sighting was made the night before August 19, 1969. A member of our association, Mr. Raimo Heiskanen has investigated these sightings, reporting as follows:

Case No. 1

Mrs. Birgit Bofarull, aged 28, visited her sister's family at Lankila of Kotka. The night before August 19 Mrs. B. awoke with a strange dream, hearing something like a voice inviting her to take her eyeglasses from the window sill to avoid their breaking because of a strong ray coming from outside. Mrs. B. left her bed and while looking out through the opening between the curtains she saw a bright light which first seemed to her like a star. After having taken a closer look at the "star" she could establish that a saucer-shaped object visible in the easterly sky emitted the light. Mrs. B's first reaction was to call the hosts of the house, but apparently she could not get a sound out of her, as nobody woke up (not even the dog of the family). After this she did not have courage to shout. She felt sick, having also a sensation of heat. For a while she had to stop following the phenomenon and go to toilet. It appeared to Mrs. B. that the "saucer" was at approx. 500 metre altitude and at a distance of some hundred metres. Anyway, she felt that it was near, and intelligently guided. She also felt as if she were receiving light pulsations from it. Mrs. B. estimated that she followed the phenomenon about an hours' time, between 3.00 and 4.30 a.m. Fairly soon after the moment she saw the "saucer" first, it descended a little, following a spiral track downwards and stopped, remaining about two minutes stationary. In this position the light cone above the "saucer" seemed to be at its strongest, while the "saucer" seemed to come nearer, because it became bigger. It then moved horizontally slightly to the right, rising steadily upwards rocking sidewise to the altitude where it originally appeared. It remained there for about an hour slightly rocking once in a while. The "saucer" disappeared at a dizzy speed, shooting perpendicularly upwards. Thanks to the serene weather its take off was clearly visible.



Case No. 2

Mrs. Seija Kluge, aged 30, awoke feeling thirsty around 4.00 in the night before August 19 in her home at Siltakylä of Pyhtaa about 15 km from Kotka. She opened the window and saw a bright light in the easterly sky. The light was very bright, icy blue, blinding her eyes. Mrs. Kluge established that the UFO moved slowly, swaying to the right "in the direction of Kotka". She had a strong sensation of fear and could not look at it anymore, but had to go away from the window.

SIGHTING AT KAUNIAINEN (Page 4)

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On Sunday, September 28, 1969, about 5 minutes to 23.00 I went on a moment's impulse to our balcony to look at the starry sky. The weather was serene, the starlit sky without clouds. While watching the sky I suddenly saw five lights in the northern sky. The lights passed over my whole field of vision towards west, remaining 2-10 seconds in view. They were disc-shaped, resembling fused gold, and seemed to vibrate all the time. The lights flew in a formation, three first, and two behind. There was a total absence of voice.

Pirkko Koskinen

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Markku Turunen, aged 21:

Case No. 1

On Saturday, October 4, 1969, I drove a car with my brother around 23.20 p.m. at Vuosaari, Helsinki. We stopped the car and were sitting in it watching the sky. Suddenly we noted a "star" twinkling red and bluish light. It was slightly bigger in size than the biggest star visible in the sky. First, it looked like as if it were standing still, but then it seemed to move away and come back again. This occurred a couple of times, after which the "star" disappeared from the sight. During our sighting the "star" continuously twinkled red and bluish light.

Case No. 2.

On Monday, 6/10/69, I left my home (Jollas, Helsinki) about 20.30 p.m. with my little sister to take photographs of stars near



our house. I had got a new camera, a 200-mm. Exakta Mayer with teleobjective. The film was Kodak D31 black and white. Photos were taken on a dark road about 100 metres from the house. By the road there is a wide place, a football field. While looking at the sky in order to find a suitable photographing object I noticed a "star" twinkling in the same way as the one described in the sighting No. 1. I pointed the camera lens towards the star, and asked my sister to go home to bring my brothers to the spot. After my brothers had come I began to take photos of the "star". I exposed it to light about 2 minutes and took the first photo. I had a flashlight with me, to be able to adjust the exposure openings, **in the dark.** Suddenly it occurred to me that I **could** try to give signals with my flashlight to ensure that the object really was a star. I then started lighting and extinguishing the flashlight at brief intervals. All three of us noticed that the "star" replied giving the same light signals to us. The "star" now began to descend slowly obliquely to the right, stopped and emitted light signals again. I asked my brothers and sister to think strongly that if it were an UFO, the object would come nearer. At the same time I pointed the camera again so that the scenery came into the focus. When the camera was ready for a shot, I sent light signals with the flashlight as before, and took a picture by exposing it to light about 2-3 minutes. The "star" gave light signals, descended with a zigzag movement, and stopped behind an electric pole, so that I had to point the camera lens again to the right in order to take the third photo. I signalled anew with my flashlight and got an answer from the "star". Then I shot the camera for the third time, exposing the "star" to light as before. By now the "star" had had time enough to descend to level of the tree tops and disappeared from the view.

### Case No. 3

On Sunday, October 12, 1969, at 20.30 p.m. I went out to look at the starry sky. I was delighted to see the same winking "star", this time only higher above and slightly more to the left as the first time. At once I ran indoors to fetch my camera, and also asked my friend who was visiting us to come out with me. My little sister also came out. I started photographing again, and placed the base of my camera approximately on the same spot as last. This time I had a 16 D16 film, requiring a longer exposure time. After having succeeded in getting my camera ready for photographing, and the "star" into the focus, I took the first photo by exposing it for about 5 minutes. There-

after I signalled with my flashlight, tracing a circle. After having turned the flashlight about five times I waited for an answer. The "star" replied and moved forming a circle twice. It continued moving to and fro to the right and to the left, then upwards and finally perpendicularly downwards. Now I took my second picture and started signalling with my flashlight, and had a reply in the same way as before. All the time the "star" moved obliquely in a downward direction to the right and I hurried to take as many photos as possible before it vanished from my field of vision. I took five pictures altogether. We then moved to a rock at a distance of about 500 metres, from where we saw the "star" very well and gave it again signals, circles, triangles, swaying, and winking. The "star" replied every time with the same movement. Every now and then I snapped a photo, perhaps three altogether. The star now vanished beyond the forest edge. We got into the car and began to drive towards the place where the "star" disappeared. As we did not find any suitable place for photographing, nor the "star" anymore, we returned home about 22.00 p.m. My friend left for his home and I was about to go to bed, when I once again happened to look at the sky from the window. There I saw "my star" flying at a dizzy speed perpendicularly downwards, stopping and standing still. I called my brothers, and at least one of them saw the "star" which again began to move and vanished at a great speed. I jumped into my clothes, took my camera and went to the spot where I just before had photographed the "star". However, it was nowhere to be found. I turned around, seeking it and suddenly I saw the "star" between Ursa Major and Ursa Minor. I signalled with my flashlight and got replies. I took four photos, after which the "star" had again moved downwards and disappeared from my sight.

TRACES OF AN UFO ? Page 8)  
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In the spring 1969 a strange light phenomenon was seen at Vilppula. It seemed to be descending towards a hill situated some kilometres from Vilppula/Ruovesi road, about 15 km from Vilppula. On this hill a dark circle was later found in a meadow of a deserted farm. In the middle of September the trace was found, and the investigations were started.

The descent with the meadow is solitary and calm. It descends towards northwest. Willows grow there and also spruce sapling planted



a year ago. The trace is clearly visible, because the grass growing on the spot is entirely destroyed, as if it had burned without flame. The largest diameter of the circle is 13,5 m, and the width 30-50 cm varying in its different parts. It is not regular, and inside there are smaller circles.

A peculiar thing is that outside the circle quite a big willow is growing (height over 2,5 m). It has a healthy appearance, despite on the trace where it is thinner and looks slightly damaged, the largest part of the annual growth is broken. Strange enough, in other bushes growing on the spot damage of this kind is not to be seen. Further a hayrick has collapsed in the area of the trace. No depressions are shown on the ground. There are some 10 dead spruce sapling on the trace.

When a sample taken from the soil of the circle was analyzed, no abnormal radioactive radiation was found. The sample contained -40 natural potassium. In the area of the circle below dead grass just under the earth surface there is a yellowish white about 1 cm thick film resembling chammy. When subjected to a microscopic test it was found to be mycelium. According to the statement of an animal biologist it differs from normal mycelium, firstly due to its abundance and secondly because no ramification, typical of an usual mycelium, was detected.

An English UFO-researcher, Mr. Anthony Brooke also visited the place. Mr. Brooke took with him samples for closer laboratory examinations. Primarily, judging on the spruce sapling the death of the vegetation took place early in the spring.

Did a descended UFO leave the trace ? The investigations have not yet been carried through.